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METHOD FOR THAWING  
FROZEN GROUND FISH  
MEATS

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

In response to the Office Action of December 19, 2000,  
for which a three-month extension of time is requested, please  
enter the following amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new claims:

13. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein  
said particles of substantially uniform size are thawed in the  
absence of additives.

14. (New) The process according to claim 7 wherein  
said particles of substantially uniform size are thawed in the  
absence of additives.

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Third Amendment) A method for thawing frozen  
ground fish meat which comprises milling a frozen ground fish  
meat mass to a substantially uniform particle size and then  
thawing it by elevating temperature.